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Bob Richardson came in this morning and talked about some of the military aspects of the EDC. Tommy and I went over to see Bill Draper. General Binns and a number of others were there discussing German support costs..

I had lunch with Anne and René Pleven at the Ministry of Defense. Jean Monnet came in at the end. We had a really superb lunch -- oysters, mullet from the Mediterranean, tournedos, cheese, fruit, together with a fine Alsatian wine and Haut Brion, and finally Château Yquem. René and I talked at considerable length about the domestic political situation and its relationship to the EDC. He is relatively optimistic over the prospects of favorable French Parliamentary action, provided the Socialist support is attained, as well as prior ratification by some of the other countries.

I went from there with Monnet to his old office on Rue Martignac and we had a long talk about what might be done to facilitate EDC ratification.

Evangeline called me tonight from Shannon. The plane had crossed half the Atlantic, then turned back because of engine trouble and they are hopeful of getting off tonight. E. spent the day with the Dunravens and enjoyed it.

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